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SUBJECT: BRITISH TO ACQUIESCE IN TERMINATION OF MALDIVIAN  
DEFENCE AGREEMENT

1. BRITISH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER (DYHICOMM) TOLD  
EMBASSY JULY 20 THAT HMG PLANS TO AGREE TO TERMINATION  
OF DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH MALDIVIAN GOVERNMENT (GOM).  
AGREEMENT HAD PROVIDED FOR BRITISH USE OF GAN ISLAND  
FOR RAF STAGING FACILITY AND HAD CONTAINED ARTICLE  
PERMITTING HMG VETO OF THIRD COUNTRY MILITARY USE OF  
FACILITIES. DYHICOMM SAID PLANS WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN  
WASHINGTON BEFORE ACTION IS TAKEN BUT THEY WANTED TO  
KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

2. ACCORDING TO DYHICOMM, HMG HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM  
MALDIVIAN PRESIDENT NASIR IN MAY WHICH ACCUSED BRITISH  
OF TERMINATING AGREEMENT UNILATERALLY BY THEIR WITHDRAWAL  
FROM RAF GAN AND STATED THAT GOM, AS RESULT, NO LONGER  
CONSIDERED AGREEMENT VALID. HMG HAS APPARENTLY BEEN  
DELIVERATING OVER WHAT TO DO ABOUT LETTER AND HAS NOW  
DECIDED TO PROPOSE FORMAL TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT BY  
CONSENT RATHER THAN ATTEMPTING TO ASSERT RIGHT TO THIRD  
COUNTRY USE VETO WHICH HMG FEELS IT CANNOT ENFORCE.  
DYHICOM INDICATED ACTION WOULD NOT AFFECT BRITISH PLANS  
TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO MALDIVIANS.

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